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REMARKS

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1. On 12 August 1953, the Infanterie Kaserne in Rathenow was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Trucks were observed en route to and from the barracks installation.

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2. On 12 August, the Pionier Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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3. On 12 August, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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4. On 12 August, the Ziethen Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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5. On 8 August, the following troops and materiel from the Kraftfahrer Kaserne were entrained in Rathenow: an undetermined number of troops on 8 boxcars; and 7 x 300-mm rocket launchers, 2 x 132-mm rocket launchers and about 40 trucks on about 50 flatcars with sideracks. The shipment left the Nordbahnhof and went toward Brandenburg via the main station. On 12 August, a train of 9 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; and about 20 flatcars with sideracks carrying 9 x 300-mm rocket launchers and trucks was seen at the Rathenow main railroad station.

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8. At about 9:30 a.m. on 6 August, about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were unloaded from 6 converted boxcars; ammunition from 1 boxcar; a caravan from 1 flatcar; and 4 trucks, 1 field kitchen, 1 jeep, 4 trailers, 12 prime movers, 3 x 152-mm howitzers, 3 gun barrel trailers, and 3 gun motor carriages of 203-mm howitzers from 23 flatcars at the Brandenburg railroad station.

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The shipment had arrived from the direction of Altengrabow. The empty train returned toward Altengrabow.³

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9. On 11 August, a train, which included 5 boxcars and carried 1 sedan and 6 trucks passed through the Satz Korn railroad station, coming from the direction of Hagenow-Land and proceeding toward Trebbin.⁴

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10. On 11 August, the Falkensee restricted area was being vacated. At about 8 p.m., 5 trucks, 2 jeeps and billeting equipment were entrained at the Falkenberg freight station.⁵

Comment. The information does not indicate any changes in the occupation of the barracks installation.

The units entrained on 8 August are rather safely believed to have belonged to the 25th RL Brig which went to Altengrabow. If not, on 12 August, new units of the brigade were shipped to Altengrabow.

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3. Comment. The unit detrained probably was the same unit of the 124th Hvy How Arty Brig which, on 1 August, transferred to Altengrabow.

4. Comment. A shipment, may have gone to Jueterbog.

5. Comment. the headquarters of the ground attack corps transferred from Falkensee to Finsterwalde at that time.

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